

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated October 11, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 11, 2005. Applicants request entry and consideration of the above noted amendments and the following remarks in response to the Office Action.

CLAIM REJECTIONS:

Claims 1-2 and 8-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,784,252 (*Ramanathan*.) As discussed in the interview, *Ramanathan* does not teach, show or suggest the features of claim 10 nor of amended claim 1. Specifically, *Ramanathan* does not teach a polystyrene blend comprising from about 80 wt.% to about 95 wt.% polystyrene, as recited in amended claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,784,252 (*Ramanathan*) in view of U.S. Patent Appl. Ser. No. 2004/0018355 (*Shikano*.) or U.S. Patent Appl. Ser. No. 2002/0042476 (*Kido*) or U.S. Patent Appl. Ser. No. 2004/0097650 (*Ogawa*.) The prior art made of record is noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicants' disclosure than the primary references cited in the Office Action. Therefore, it is believed that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not deemed necessary for a full and complete response to this Office Action. Accordingly, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

In conclusion, Applicants submit that the references cited in the Office Action, neither alone nor in combination, teach, show, or suggest the claimed features. Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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